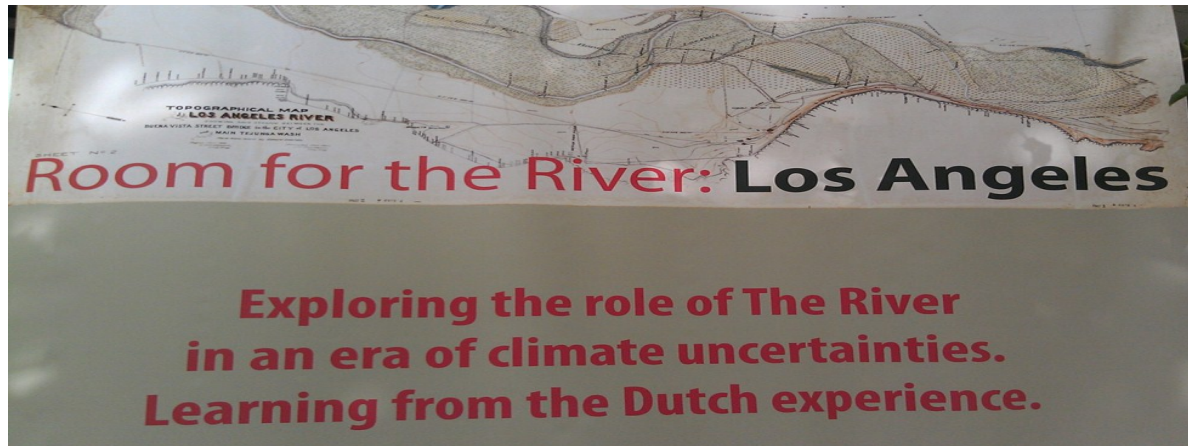




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Executive Officer's Report



Executive Office

“Room for the River: Los Angeles” Workshop and Symposium

Deb Smith

On May 16-17, approximately 60 invited experts in the environmental sciences and urban policy were brought together to hear about integrated water solutions being implemented in the Netherlands and to discuss how these innovations could inform similar efforts to integrate water supply, water quality, habitat restoration, and flood control in the Los Angeles River.

Introductions were made by Mayor Villaraigosa, the Consul General of the Netherlands, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and LA City Councilmember LaBonge. Felicia Marcus, Chair of the State Board set the context of the day - giving the keynote address, followed by experiences conveyed by local practitioners and water experts from the Netherlands. Topical workshops followed. Board Member Madelyn Glickfeld and Dr. Ginachi Amah participated in the Water Supply and Storage Session. Deb Smith participated in the Water and Soil Quality session. Continued working sessions, report outs and conclusions were presented on the second day. Results of this effort will guide the next iteration of the IRP (Integrated Resource Planning) process, led by the City of Los Angeles.



Photo: State Board Chair, Felicia Marcus giving the keynote address

UCLA Graduate Seminar on Wetlands and Basin Planning

Deb Smith

On May 3rd, Deb Smith taught a session of a UCLA graduate seminar on Coastal Pollution and Resource Management. The topic was wetlands; the lecture and discussion focused on the wetlands regulatory framework in California as well as elements of the Region's Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) that assist in the protection of wetlands in the Region. Jo Powe, attorney and Mountain Restoration Trust Board Member also taught part of this session and spoke on the regulatory and legal issues surrounding the Ballona Wetlands.

Regional Programs

Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Agricultural Lands – May 2013 Update

Barbara Barry

The Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Order No. R4-2010-0186) was renewed on October 7, 2010. The objectives of the program are to monitor the water quality effects from irrigated agriculture and mitigate impacts from runoff. Currently, approximately 86% of the irrigated acreage in the Region is enrolled in the Conditional Waiver program. Increasing the percentage of enrollees remains a priority for Regional Board staff. On April 16, 2012 300 Notices to Enroll were sent to growers in Ventura County, and on January 16, 2013 650 notices to enroll were sent to growers in Los Angeles County. Several Notices of Violation were sent in April of 2013 to further encourage enrollment. These efforts have increased enrollment by approximately 200 members in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

The Conditional Waiver requires growers to complete 8 hours of educational courses, and since the 2010 Waiver was adopted, over 40 classes have been offered by Coalition Groups and approximately 60% of enrollees have fulfilled this requirement. Outreach to growers, which has always been a priority for Regional Board staff, has continued in 2012 and 2013 in the form of pamphlets, handouts, and presentations.

The first Annual Monitoring Reports for the 2010 Waiver were submitted by Coalition Groups in the last year, revealing many water quality impairments. To address these impairments, best management practices must be implemented by growers. To assist in these efforts, Regional Board staff is overseeing grants and coordinating the acquisition of federal funding for growers. The grants include a proposition 84 grant for a mobile irrigation laboratory to improve irrigation efficiency on farms in Ventura County, a CWA section 319 (h) grant executed for the purpose of identifying the contribution of and reducing metal loadings from nurseries and other irrigated agricultural lands in the San Gabriel River Watershed, and a CWA 319 (h) grant for grower education and outreach to implement BMPs in the Calleguas Creek and Santa Clara River Watersheds. Regional Board staff is also coordinating with the NRCS and State Board to campaign for National Water Quality Initiative funds to be available for growers in the Calleguas Creek Watershed. Thanks to these efforts, 500,000 dollars were allocated in 2012 and one million dollars were allocated in 2013 to growers in certain subwatersheds of Calleguas Creek.

Watershed Management

Watershed Coordinator

The Watershed Coordinator participated in a workshop on April 30 entitled “Investigating the Future Uses of Reverse Osmosis Concentrate for Wetlands Restoration” held at the City of Oxnard’s recently completed Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF). Pipelines are currently under construction to deliver recycled water from the facility to area customers. The City has constructed a pilot brackish water treatment wetland adjacent to the facility, shown in the photo below, and the workshop was held to gain input on research needed to evaluate the role reverse osmosis concentrate may play in coastal wetlands restoration. The possibility of diverting stormwater from the nearby Hueneme and Oxnard Industrial Drains, which currently drain to Ormond Beach Lagoon, to the facility and treatment wetlands before reaching the lagoon was also discussed.



More information about the Regional Board's watersheds can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/regional_program/index.shtml#Watershed.

Compliance and Enforcement Program

NPDES Facility Inspections:

The Enforcement Unit NPDES inspector conducted inspections at 12 facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program.

13267 Investigative Orders:

13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2013-0011 was issued to Safeway, Inc. on February 22, 2013 requiring information related to the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into a storm drain on January 8, 2013. A response was received on March 21, 2013.

13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2013-0010 was issued to the City of Alhambra on February 28, 2013 for information related to the City of Alhambra's Sewer Collection System. A response was received on March 29, 2013.

13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2013-0035 was issued to the City of Los Angeles on March 1, 2013 for information related to the unauthorized discharges of wastewater to the Los Angeles River on October 6, 2012 and October 11, 2012. A response was received on March 29, 2013.

13267 Investigative Order to Submit Information No. R4-2013-0039 was issued to the US Army Corps of Engineers on March 26, 2013 for information related to the removal of vegetation in the Sepulveda Basin, reported on December 29, 2012. The US Army Corps of Engineers response was received on April 25, 2013.

Expedited Payment Program:

Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0003 was issued to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on February 15, 2013 in the amount of \$18,000 for alleged violations of the NPDES Permit for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project. The Permittee's response was received on March 19, 2013.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0013 was issued to the West Basin Municipal Water District on February 21, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for an alleged effluent violation of the NPDES Permit for the Carson Regional Water Recycling Plant. The Permittee's response was received on March 25, 2013.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0040 was issued to El Segundo Energy Center, LLC on March 12, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for alleged violations of Regional Board Order No. R4-2008-0032, NPDES Permit No. CAG834004 for El Segundo Generating Station Redevelopment Project. The Permittee's response was received on April 11, 2013.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0028 was issued to Owens-Illinois, Inc. on March 12, 2013 in the amount of \$396,000 for alleged effluent violation of the NPDES Permit for the Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc. The Permittee requested and was granted an extension and has until May 31, 2013 to respond.

Settlement Offer No. R4-2013-0037 was issued to the Water Replenishment District of Southern California on March 12, 2013 in the amount of \$6,000 for alleged violations of the NPDES Permit for the Los Angeles Coastal Hydrologic Basin. The Permittee's response was received on April 4, 2013.

Stipulated Orders:

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2012-0167 was issued to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority on January 31, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000 for an alleged effluent limit violation of the NPDES Permit for the Former JAB Holdings Inc. facility. The full payment was received on February 5, 2013.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2012-0151 was issued to Douglas Emmett Management, LLC on January 31, 2013 in the amount of \$24,000 for alleged effluent limit violations of the NPDES Permit for the Century Park Plaza. The full payment was received on February 11, 2013.

Stipulated Order on Settlement Offer No. R4-2012-0159 was issued to Douglas Emmett Management, LLC on February 6, 2013 in the amount of \$192,000 for alleged effluent limit violations of the NPDES Permit for The Trillium. The full payment was received on February 12, 2013.

Administrative Civil Liability:

Order on Complaint No. R4-2012-0110 was issued to Mr. Edward Waymire, Waymire Drum Company, Mr. Rafael Shahbazian, and Mitchell Investors, LLC (Dischargers) on February 7, 2013, in the amount of \$107,818 for violating requirements of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R4-2010-0095 (Order). The Dischargers were required by the Order to submit \$20,000 of the total liability to the Cleanup and Abatement Account by March 11, 2013. The remaining \$87,818 was to be suspended pending submittal of a complete site conceptual model and resumption of groundwater monitoring by April 1, 2013. To date, the Regional

Board has not received payment of the \$20,000 nor the required site conceptual model or notification of the resumption of groundwater monitoring.

Stormwater Compliance and Enforcement

Once Notice of Non Compliance was Issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
Non-Filer	5/2/2013	The Berns Co.	Failure to Enroll in Permit	Industrial

One Notice to Compy was Issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19C333854	4/10/2013	RiverVillage	Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP ¹ and to collect samples	Construction

9 Noytices of Violation were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I000584	5/7/2013	Al's Plating Co. Inc.	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I000980	5/7/2013	West Side Recycling	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I003473	5/7/2013	The Precision Coil Spring Co.	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I009464	5/7/2013	B & B Pipe Co.	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I011879	5/7/2013	Zachers Automotive Recycler	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I001026	5/7/2013	Ohline Corp.	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I012052	5/7/2013	Gainey Ceramics	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I012893	5/7/2013	Popular Auto Parts	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial
4 19I018487	5/7/2013	Solo Enterprise Corp.	Failure to Submit 2010/11 Annual Report	Industrial

3 Second Notices of Violation were issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I011361	4/10/2013	Wilmington Marine Services	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs ² , Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I018911	4/10/2013	Castaic Boat & Marine LLC	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs, Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial
4 19I003359	4/12/2013	Westway Auto Dis-mantlers	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs, Deficient Annual Report, Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial

One Draft Clean up and Abatement Order was issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19I021543	4/30/2013	Hannibal Industries, Inc.	Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs, Failure to Maintain an Adequate SWPPP	Industrial

One Denial of Notice of Termination was issued

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Violation(s)	Permit Type
4 19C363302	4/23/2013	Sliverlake Mini Lot Subdivision	No SWPPP, Failure to Implement Adequate BMPs	Construction

2 Request for Information were sent

WDID	Issuance Date	Site/Facility Name	Permit Type
4 19C357201	4/11/2013	Los Angeles Metro Division 13 Bus Maintenance and Operation Facility	Construction
4 19C359236	4/11/2013	Cerritos College Gymnasium Seismic Retrofit	Construction

Remediation

Investigative Orders

Discharger	Location	Action
Inglewood Redevelopment Agency	Glasgow Property, Inglewood	Review of Groundwater Monitoring Reports and Future Monitoring Requirements
City of Compton	590 N. Tamarind Ave., Compton	Extension approval for submitting first quarter 2013 sub-slab vapor sampling report by April 30, 2013
Barry Controls	11150 Gault St., North Hollywood	New CWC 13267 order requiring technical reports

Staff Signed Letters

Discharger	Location	Type
Masco Corporation	CAL-STYLE Furniture Manufacturing Property, Compton	Approval of Request for Extending of the Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report Submittal Date
Loeb & Loeb LLP	El Dorado Cleaners, Long Beach	Comments on September 2012 Groundwater Monitoring Report and Response to Request for Site Closure
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, L.A. District	Abandoned Landfill, Camarillo Airport Formerly Used Defense Site, Camarillo	Review of Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Work Plan
Honeywell International, Inc.	Former Honeywell Gardena Facility, Gardena	Approval of Groundwater Remedial Process Optimization Treatment Review and Work Plan
Honeywell International, Inc.	Honeywell Site A, Torrance	Comments on 3 rd Quarter Groundwater Monitoring Report, Approval for Site-Wide Snap Sampling Method and Change of Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Frequency
BlackRock	San Pedro Business Center, Former Western Fuel Oil Company, San Pedro	Approval of Extension Request to Submit a Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation Report
DLA Installation Support – Energy	Defense Fuel Support Point Norwalk, Norwalk	Correction to a Requirement for a Workplan
Port of Long Beach	ACTA Parcel LBX-878, Wilmington	Approval of revised human health risk assessment workplan
Prett & Whitney-Rocktdyne, Inc.	6633 Canoga Ave., Canoga Park	Comments on additional offsite groundwater investigation report dated February 18, 2013
Bodycote Thermal Processing	11845 Burke St., Santa Fe Springs	Approval of extension request for submitting a groundwater remedial action plan by May 15, 2013
Micro Matic USA, Inc.	19719 Bahama St., Northridge	Approval of work plan dated April 2, 2013, for rebound test of VOC in source area groundwater
Department of the Navy	Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme and Point Mugu	Approval of due data extension for submitting semi-annual groundwater monitoring report by July 15, 2013
Department of the Navy	Naval Exchange Gasoline Station, Point Mugu	Comments on revised final closure letter report dated February, 2013, for IRP site 7, portion of electrical substation 680
Leggett & Platt	621 W. Rosecrans Ave., Gardena	Approval of fourth extension request for submitting a soil removal report by July 20, 2013
KS611, LLC	810 Lawrence Dr., Newbury Park	Comments on groundwater assessment report dated February 26, 2013, and approval of work plan for indoor air sampling
Shell Chemical LP	1015 E. Wooley Road., Oxnard	Response to the April 10, 2013 notification of the changes to approved site project master schedule
Shell Chemical LP	1015 E. Wooley Road., Oxnard	Approval of remedial investigation/feasibility study workplan and proposed site-specific health risk assessment
KIMCO Reality Corporation.	17220 Lakewood Blvd., Bellflower	Approval of extension request for submitting soil source removal work plan by May 15, 2013
Northrop Grumman Corporation	8020 Deering Ave., Canoga Park	Approval of supplemental assessment work plan dated March 19, 2013

Underground Storage Tanks

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **April 10, 2013** through **May 6, 2013**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

1. Chevron Station No. 9-1686, Bell (I-09910A)
2. Dagher Shell #135487, Commerce (I-01986A)
3. Former 76 Station No. 5071, Marina Del Rey (I-05967)
4. Shell Service Station, Agoura Hills (R-13088)
5. Mobil Station #18-HPJ, San Gabriel (I-09400A)
6. ConocoPhillips Co. #2705695, La Puente (I-05049A)
7. Shell Station No. 204-4532-0607, Los Angeles (900260107)
8. Los Angeles County MTA Bus Yard Maintenance Facility, Venice (902910152A)
9. Former Texaco Station No. 61-06-1530, Los Angeles (900310098)
10. United Oil No. 46, Norwalk (I-00305A)

For the case closure sites above, a total of **1,162** tons of impacted soils were excavated and **8,040** pounds of hydrocarbons were removed by soil vapor extraction system. In addition, 530 gallons of gasoline free product (LNAPL) were removed.

Executive Officer issued General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)

Yue Rong

In April, the Executive Officer, on behalf of the board, issued 1 General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to Golden State Water Company, located in Hawthorne (4/19/2013). The WDRs issued for injection of oxidation compounds to the impacted aquifer for in-situ groundwater cleanup, which is designed to save water resources by avoiding discharging the treated water to the ocean.

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program

Valerie Carrillo Zara and Dana Cole

Since April 1, 2013, the Regional Board has received 7 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions. The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

DATE OF ISSUANCE	STAFF	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
04/05/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Cunningham Davis Corp.	Crossing at Long Canyon	Conditional WQC
04/05/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	California State Parks	Pier G Barge Landing Fender System Repair	Conditional WQC
04/10/2013	Dana Cole	LADPW	Will Rogers State Beach - Coastline Improvements	Conditional WQC
04/15/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Ermine Street LLC	Keystone Tract 60258	Conditional WQC
04/15/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	ACOE	Compton Creek Trash Capture Device	Conditional WQC
04/17/2013	L.B. Nye	J & J Marine Acquisition Co., L.L.C.	Bellport Anacapa Marine Services Marina Replacement	Conditional WQC
04/24/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Vista Canyon Ranch LLC	Vista Canyon Ranch Development	Conditional WQC
05/3/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Biola University	Lot K Parking Structure	Conditional WQC
05/7/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Caltrans	Ven-33 Soil Nail Wall (Ojai)	Conditional WQC
05/7/2013	Valerie Carrillo Zara	Gate-King Properties, LLC	Gate King Project	Modification of Conditional WQC

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html>. For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 WQC action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the certification process.

Personnel

As of June 6, 2013 our staff total is 140: 125 technical staff, 10 permanent analytical staff and 5 permanent clerical staff.

The following separated from Region 4:

Kee Fong, Key Data Operator, retired from State service effective May 8, 2013.

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The Executive Officer's Report is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but rather highlights of Regional Board staff activities from the previous month.